



Minutes

**Regular Meeting
Commission on the Status of Women
Wednesday, July 7, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Valinda Bowens, Maura Harrington, Charlotte Lacey, Sandra Lindoerfer, Lorraine Montgomery*, Beverley Morgan-Sandoz, Vanessa Rodriguez, Peggy Sisson (joined at 6:06 PM)

*Due to technical difficulties, Commissioner Montgomery departed the meeting at 7:26 PM and rejoined at 7:40 PM.

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Ali Everett, Tamer Sabha

1. Call to Order

Chair Morgan-Sandoz called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Roll Call

Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Approval of Minutes

After review, it was moved (Montgomery) and seconded (Lindoerfer) to approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2021 regular meeting. (Motion carried)

In Favor: Morgan-Sandoz, Bowens, Montgomery, Lindoerfer, Rodriguez, Harrington
Abstain: Lacey

After review, it was moved (Rodriguez) and seconded (Lacey) to approve the Minutes of the June 9, 2021 special meeting. (Motion carried)

In Favor: Morgan-Sandoz, Bowens, Sisson, Montgomery, Rodriguez, Harrington, Lacey
Abstain: Lindoerfer

5. New Business

- **Overview of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) – Char Bland (Former Chair, Commission on the Status of Women)**

The Commission received a presentation about the status of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Questions from the Commission followed.

6. Old Business

- **Discussion and approval of the Commission on the Status of Women Work Plan for FY 2021-2022**

After discussion, it was moved (Bowens) and seconded (Harrington) to approve the Commission on the Status of Women Work Plan for FY 2021-2022. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Morgan-Sandoz, Bowens, Sisson, Montgomery, Lindoerfer, Rodriguez, Harrington, Lacey

Chair Morgan-Sandoz appointed the following Commissioners to the work plan ad hoc committees below for FY 2021-2022:

- Advise City Council – Lacey (lead), Lindoerfer (lead)
- CEDAW – Lacey and Montgomery
- Survival Guide – Bowens (lead), Harrington (lead), Morgan-Sandoz (lead)
- Outreach and Awareness – Montgomery (lead), Rodriguez (lead)
- Herstory – Lacey, Lindoerfer, Rodriguez
- Proclamations for Women's History Month and Denim Day – Morgan-Sandoz
- Pasadena Youth Council – Bowens, Lindoerfer
- Report on the Status of Women – Rodriguez, Harrington
- Art Night activity recognizing women in the arts – Lindoerfer
- Investigation of plaques recognizing women – Harrington, Montgomery
- Financial Resources – Lacey (lead), Sisson (lead)

7. Reports/Comments from the Chair

Chair Morgan-Sandoz commented on:

- Expecting to receive the updated draft of the Report on the Status of Women in Pasadena from Mount Saint Mary's University before the next Commission meeting in August; and
- Attending a virtual discussion about the science and politics of health disparity and its impact on women by Dr. Rick Kittles (City of Hope).

8. Comments from Commissioners

Vice-Chair Bowens commented on presenting as the keynote speaker at the City of Hope Juneteenth celebration on Friday, June 18.

9. Staff Comments

Staff (Everett) provided the following comments:

- Congratulated the Commission on finalizing their work plan for FY 2021-2022.
- Provided information about sharing commissioner contact information and requesting commission presentations.

10. Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items

- Discussion of identifying speakers for presentations about hot topics of interest
- Presentation about addressing the digital divide in Pasadena

11. Adjournment

It was moved (Montgomery) and seconded (Lindoefer) to adjourn the regular meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

/s/ Beverley Morgan-Sandoz

Beverley Morgan-Sandoz, Chair
Commission on the Status of Women

/s/ Tamer Sabha

Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department